(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to deal with the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands contained in the memorandum of the National Confederation of SC and ST Employee's Organisations, New Delhi, have been referred to the concerned Ministries/Departments for necessary action under intimation to this Ministry. Action taken reports are awaited.

Progress of schemes relating to the development of Women and Child in Kutch & Saurashtra Region

5218. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes relating to the development of Women & Child have not progressed, as targetted district-wise in rural areas of Kutch and Saurashtra region during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 so far in district-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) The Scheme for Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is being implemented in 19 districts of Gujarat including Kutch District and Saurashtra region. Only State-wise progress of DWCRA is monitored. Allocation of funds, physical targets etc. under DWCRA in respect of Gujarat during the last three years is given in the statement attached (See below). In addition, the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in Gujarat has also progressed as per the target.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No survey has been conducted in respect of DWCRA scheme. However, several studies including a national evaluation on ICDS conducted by National Institute of Public Corporation & Child Development has revealed a positive impact of ICDS scheme on the health and nutrition of children and pregnant & nursing mothers.

Allocation of funds, physical targets etc under DWCKA in respect of Gujarat

Year	Allocation of groups	Groups formed	Allocation of funds	Amount released
				(Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	500	552	50.50	45.85
1992-93	390	427	39.39	43.43
1993-94 (upto Feb. 94)	825	476	88.43	75.75

भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध

5219. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार महानगरों तथा पर्यटन स्थलों पर भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरे क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) भिखारियों के पुनर्वास के लिए क्या कदम उठाए है/उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. वी. तंगकाबालू) : (क) जी नहीं। फिलहाल संघ सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।